## THE COURTS.

Salutary Warning to Peculating Cotton Samplers.

NEGLIGENCE OF NOTARIES.

Suits for Damages Against Various Railroad Companies.

Part 1 of the Court of General Sessions was Part 1 of the Court of General Sessions was crowded yesterday morning by persons interested in the cases of the men recently indicted for cotton peculations, and known as cotton samplers and brokers. Lawrence Bowe, a junk dealer, of No. 469 Greenwich street, who was convicted on Tuesday for receiving some of the stolen cotton, was to be arraigned for sentence. Assistant District Attorney, Bell moved that the sentence be passed. Mr. William F. Kintzing, one of the counsel for Bowe, called the attention of the Court to the recommendation of marcy by the jury and also to the fact that the prisattention of the counsel for Bowe, called the attention of the Court to the recommendation of mercy by the jury, and also to the fact that the prisoner had proved an excellent character. He referred to the fact that the practice of buying cotton from samplers had existed almost ever since cotton had been brought to New York, and that, while the prisoner might be technically guilty of the offence of which he was convicted, at heart he was not a criminal. Assistant District Attorney Bell said, that he trusted that an example would be made in this case; that the prisoner was but one of many men who had been aiding and encouraging the larceny of cotton to such an extent as almost to have discouraged its shipment to New York. The Cotton Exchange had taken this matter in hand for the purpose of breaking up a well regulated system of robbery. Judge Cowing, in passing sentence, said the prisoner had been convicted of a serious offence and was a representative of a class through whose instrumentality some of the cotton samplers had been preying for a long time upon the cotton merchants of this city, but that while he felt it to be his duty to send him to State Prison he nevertheless should take into consideration the recommondation of the jury to mercy and his previous good character. He would in this case inflict the lowest penalty—one year in the State Prison—but trusted that this light sentence would not encourage the commission of similar offences.

DUTIES OF NOTARIES. A scathing rebuke to negligent notaries, and what should prove a salutary warning to them, was given yesterday by Judge Van Brunt in the course of the trial of a suit in which the notary who took a deposition d not identify and did not know the man could not identify and did not know the man whose deposition was taken before him. Judge Van Brunt said that cases of this kind are continually arising and are a violation of duty on the part of notaries, the statute prescribing that where a person is known to a notary who is taking an acknowledgement he is known to him as one knows his business friend or acquaintance, and of whose identity he is certain. In such a case he may certify to his identity. It is a practice among notaries in New York—and the soonsr it is stopped the better for the security of every one doing business on notarial certificates—for notaries to certify to a person brought before them and of whose identity they have no knowledge. Such proceedings on their part are, he said in conclusion, misdemeanors, and they are liable to punishment accordingly.

A RAILROAD COMPANY MULCTED The suit of Patrick Gowen as administrator against the Brookiyn Crosstown Railroad Company came on yesterday for trial before Judge Donahue and a jury. the afternoon of Sunday, July 1, 1877, one of d fendant's one horse cars ran over a little child of the plaintiff, killing her almost instantly. The driver vore he was looking straight ahead, but knew nothswore he was looking straight shead, but knew nothing of the accident until the passengers in the carshouted to him. Witnesses for the plaintiff, however, said that he had his head turned toward the rear of the car at the time. The principal delence was contributory negligence on the part of the parents, but the Court charged the jury that unless the child did or omitted to do some sot which would have been negligence in an adult contributory negligence on the part of the parents constituted no defence. The jury, after being out about fitteen minutes, returned a verdict tor the plaintiff for \$1.750. Messrs. Clifford, A. H. Bartlett and Willard Bartlett appeared for plaintiff and Winchester Britton for the defendant.

OTHER SUITS FOR DAMAGES. Fanny Lemil, as administratrix of Louis Lemil, brought a suit in the Court of Common Pleas, before Judge Larremore, against the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to recover \$5,000 damages for the death of Louis. On the 7th of June, 1879, the deceased, with some friends, drove to the Fleetwood Park races, and while crossing the track of the defendant's company at Fordham a train struck the wagon and dashed it to pieces. Those in the carriage were thrown out and Mr. Lemil died from the effects of the injuries. The defence is contributory negligence. The trial began yesterday. Before Judge Freedman, in the Superior Court, there was commenced yesterday the trial of a suit brought by William Byrne against the New York leaves and Railroad Company to recover \$4,000 damages for injuries sustained by falling down the steps of the station at Greenwich street. The case is still

CROOKED WHISKEY.

Edward Brady was yesterday brought before United States Commissioner Shields, when complaint was made against him by Revenue Agent Brooks, charging him with operating an illicit distillery at Fort Lee, N. J., in April last. He was held in \$5,000 bail for examination to-day. It is said that

Jacob Christman was tried before Judge Gildersleeve in the Court of General Sessions yesterday for killing Frederick Eisle in the lager beer saloon No. Leonard street, on the 19th of April last, by splito Leonard street, on the 19th of April last, by splitting open his skull with a lager beer glass, from the effects of which he died in the hospital some short time after. Mr. William F. Howe, who defended the prisoner, interposed several technical objections, and the result was that the jury, after long deliberation, rendered a verdiet of guilty of mansiaughter in the fourth degree, with a recommendation to mercy. Christman was remanded until today for sentence.

SUMMARY OF LAW CASES dme. Christina Eckhart, alias Navette Bolemius and Dr. W. Fayn, arrested for alleged malpractice on pleaded not guilty in the Court of General Sessions resterday, and Assistant District Attorney Bell set the case down for trial to-day.

J. Emile Kubely, a Swiss, employed at Clausen's

browery as bookkeeper, was arraigned in the Court

brewery as bookkeeper, was arraigned in the Court of General Sessions yesterday on the charge of forgery. It was alleged that he forged five notes, amounting to over \$8,000, on his employers, and the cause of his defalcation was attributed to rash speculation in Wall street. He pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence.

Mrs. Eleanor B. King brought a suit against William MacKellar to recover \$3,000 given to him for investment on bond and mortgage. The case was tried yeaterday before Judge Donohue in Supreme Court, Circuit. The evidence showed that the investment had not been made as directed and a verdict was given, in tayor of plaintiff for \$3,345—the full amount claimed, with interest.

The members of the har who have long felt the want of some suitable rooms for their use in proximity to the federal courts and the new Court house have at length had thus want gratified. Mr. Elliott F. Shepard, appointed by the Bar Association to arrange for these acquired accommodations, has sue-eastfully carried out his mission, suitable rooms laving been furnished by the United States authorities in the United States court buildings and by the mullicipal authorities in the County Court House.

COURT CALENDARS-THIS DAY. COURT CARAMBERS—Held by Judge Van Vorst—Court opens at half-past ten A. M., calendar catled at eleven A. M.—Nos. 174, 8, 35, 49, 50, 55, 57, 58, 63, 77, 97, 117, 135, 149, 150, 164, 173, 175, 176, 177, 185, 188, 192, 211, 214, 215, 217, 224, 228, Superme Court—General Tram.—Adjourned until

177, 185, 188, 192, 211, 214, 215, 217, 224, 228, SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TRRM.—Adjourned until December 30.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TRRM—Held by Judge Barrist—Court opens at half-past ten A. M.—Case on, No. 76. No day calendar.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—Part 1—Held by Judge Van Brunt—Court opens at half-past ten A. M.—Nos. 1387, 2401. No further day calendar for this part this term. Part 2—Held by Judge Lawrence—Court opens at malf-past ten A. M.—Nos. 1325, 181, 393, 381, 1528, 1647, 736, 1170, 1523, 1556, 1360, 1539, 873, 1414, 2181, 1727, 1728, 1735, 703, 1399, 1400, 1754, 1589, 886, 666, 773, 1504, 1331, 11%, 1283, 1324, 746, 1009, 732, 1336, Part 3—Held by Judge Donohue—Court opens at half-past ten A. M.—Nos. 1638, 1639.

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TRRM.—Adjourned size die.

SUPERIOR COURT-SPECIAL TERM-Held by Judge

Speir—Court opens at ten A. M.—Calendar called at eleven A. M.—Nos. 54, 42, 55, 64, 40.

Supermor Court—Trial Trial—Part 1—Held by Chief Justice Curtis—Court opens at eleven A. M.—Nos. 443, 513, 515, 740, 502 308, 477, 261, 333, 564, 400, 467, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 383, Part 2—No calendar, Parts—Held by Judge Freedman—Court opens at eleven A. M.—Nos. 828, 630, 310, 286, 72, 651, 559, 415, 181, 511, 502, 483, 423, 672, 213, 381.

COMMON PLRAS—GENERAL TRIM—Adjourned until the first Monday of January.

COMMON PLRAS—SPRCIAL TRIM—Held by Judge Van Hoesen.—No day calendar.

COMMON PLRAS—EQUITY TERM.—Adjourned until December 23.

Van Hoosen.—No day calendar.

COMMON PLEAS—EQUITY TERM.—Adjourned until December 29.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—Part 1—Held by Judge Larremore—Court opens at eleven A. M.—Case on, No. 2.872. No day calendar. Part 2—Held by Judge Bacah—Court opens at eleven A. M.—Nos. 1194, 1170, 1826, 1201, 1061, 1298, 1555, 1381, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1345, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1345, 1343, 1344, 1342, 1344, 1342, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1343, 1343, 1342, 1343, 1344, 1344, 1342, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1343, 1344

Perry, grand larceny; Same vs. Lewis Jones, larceny from the person; Same vs. Morris Bass, obscene literature.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—IN ADMIRALTY—Held by Judge Choate.—Nos. 210, Sideracudi vs. Mapes; 114, Collins vs. Scully et al.; 54, Grum vs. Frost et al.; 97, Unnovehi vs. Steamship Hindoo; 194. Manwaring vs. Bark C. Delap; 150, Pascal vs. Schooner F. B. Gilkey; 161, Crossan vs. Steamtug E. A. Packer; 125, Duffy vs. Williams; 105, Farwell vs. Steamboat J. H. Starin; 115, Thorndike vs. Steamboat J. H. Starin; 13, M. A. Duell vs. Steamboat Niagara; 101, Matol vs. Steamtug A. B. Preston; 126, Gilligan vs. Steamship Crescent City; 160, Casey vs. Brig Nile; 161, Andus vs. Steamboat Sacatoga; 117, Kane vs. Fenny et al.; 129, Willis et al. vs. Steamship City of Austin; 135, Middlesex Quarry Company vs. Schooner A. Mason; 111, Powell et al. vs. Steamboat Willie; 155, White vs. Steamtug Laverque; 178, Honderson vs. Steamship Othello.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1879. In the Court of Appeals, Wednesday, December 17, 1879, present Hon. Sanford E. Church, Chief Justice, and associates, the following business was trans-

No. 146. Ansel A. Morgan, respondent. vs. Benjamin F. Schuyler, appellant.—Argued by J. C. Cochrane for appellant; John S. Morgan for respondent. No. 141. Elizabeth Allen, respondent, vs. Jeremiah Eighmie, appellant.—Argued by William C. Albro for appellant; John Thompson for respondent.

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No. 108. William W. Watrous, respondent, vs.
Patrick Kearney and others, appellants.—Submitted.
No. 149. The National Bank of Gloversville, respondent, vs. John E. Wells and others, appellants.—Argued by Samuel Hand for appellants; A. D. L. Baker for respondent.

CALENDAR.

Baker for respondent.

CALENDAR.

The following is the day calendar for Thursday, December 18:—Nos, 150, 151, 149, 152, 107, 153, 164, 155. No other day calendar will be made this term. The following order was handed down:—

Ordered. That this court will adjourn on Priday, the 19th day of Beenher, 1879; that the next term will commence at the Old Capitol, in the city of Albany, on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 1880, at the o'clock A. M. Anew calendar will then be made, upon which will be placed all cases undisposed of on the present calendar, without further notice, and such other cases as shall be noticed, and the notices, with proof of service, filed with the clerk on or before the 5d Cay of January, 1880.

E. O. PERRIN, Clerk.

REAL ESTATE.

The following sales were made yesterday at the

Stowart.

Oroclosure sale of the three story frame house, with lot 18.9x100.11, No. 227 East 112th st., n. a., 241.3 ft. w. of 2d av., to John Kerns.

OFFICIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. The following is a statement showing the real esate transactions recorded in the Register's office December 17, 1879:-

Ephraim D. Brown and wife to Mechanics and Nom. Waverley place, a. w. corner of Macdongal at. 42x Dr.; Emile Wall (as executor, 4c.) to Rebert Krnst (b. 60)... corner of Nich st., 200x100.88; Smile Wall (as executor, 2c.) to Robert Ernst (b. 81)... 10th av. n. e. corner of 88th st. 200x100.8½;
Emilie Walli (as executor, &c.) to Robert Ernat (\$\frac{1}{2}\$\) of 1.
22ath st. s. a. 472.6 ft. w. of 5th av. 62.6 x100.11;
Adolf Goldmarks and wife to Jos. Philp.
Av. A. e. a. 25.6½ ft. s. of 76th st. 5.1.1xi8; Ann Allen and husband to James N. Sampson.
Same broperty; James N. Sampson and wife to Richard Allen.
2d av. s. e. corner of 73d st. 27.2x75; Israel Casper and wife to Edward Reilly.
134th st. n. s. 200 ft. e. of 12th av. 75x98 11; also a. a. of 134th st. 300 ft. e. of 12th av. 50x89.11; also a. a. of 134th st. 300 ft. e. of 12th av. 50x89.11; also a. a. of 134th st. 300 ft. e. of 12th av. 50x89.11; also a. a. of 134th st. 300 ft. e. of 15th av. 50x89.11; also a. a. of 15th st. 30x ft. e. of 15th av. 150x89.11; also av. a. a. of 15th st. 30x89; W. Sinclair (trace, w. s. 46 ft. of 55th st. 20x89; W. Sinclair (trace, w. s. 46 ft. of 50th st. 30x89; W. Sinclair (trace, w. s. 46 ft. of 15th av. 186891.11; k. M. Henry (referee) to Samuel Schumacher and another.
12d st. s. 125 ft. of 5th av. 186891.11; k. M. Henry (referee) to Willard A. Pesree.
53d st. s. s. 125 ft. of 5th av. 186891.11; k. M. Henry (referee) to Willard A. Pesree.
53d st. s. s. 125 ft. of 5th av. 185285; John Morrow and wife to Frank A. Armstrong.
22d st. No. 113 West; Louis Stern to George Rockert.
66th st. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. No. 110 East; Samuel C. Pullman and wife 10th av. 15,500 18,750 6.700 14,950 28,000 6,500

And another
Locust av , s. w. s., 210 ft. s. c. of Broad st., 50x300
(24th ward; Charlton Jones and wife to Mary A.
Macdonald. Macdonald.

70th st. No. 29 East; Thomas Postson and wife to Isabella Mandol.

C24th ward), Chariton Jones and wife to Mary A Macdonald.

Oth at. No. 29 East; Thomas Poarson and wife to Isabella Mandol.

Oth at. No. 42 West; Sophia R. C. Furness and others (trustees, &c.) to Sophia R. C. Furness.

Nom. 7th at. a. s., 100 ft. w. of 1st av., 20x88.4; W. Irwin and wife to Michael Jacobs.

22d st. n. s., 180.11 ft. w. of 4th av., 27.8x100.5; Abraham S. Underhill and wife to Eliza Leff.

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75th at., a. s., 220 ft. w. of 2d av., 20x102.2; James L. Bogert (trustee, &c.) to William L. Breese (trustee, &c.).

80th st. n. s., 200 ft. w. of 3th av. to s. of 95th st., 100x100.85gx20x201.5; George N. Stebbias to the Washington Life Insurance Company.

Allen at. e. s. (101 No. 61), 25x87.8; P. H. Vernon (referee) to John D. Grady.

Henry st. No. 322; J. D. Lewis (referee) to Charles Curits.

C3d st. a. s., 100 ft. e. of 5th av., 25x100.5; Jno. A. Halsoy and wife to Charles duck.

Lassa.

14th st., No. 40. East, and, No. 75 University place Charles H. Marshall and others (executors, &c.) to E. Butterick & Cy. 10 years.

14th st., 200 ft. w. of av. A. 25x10.2; Frank-11H. Delamo and others (trustees, &c.) to Joseph Lebner; 20 years.

18th st., 200 ft. w. of av. A. 25x10.3; Frank-11H. Delamo and others (trustees, &c.) to Joseph Lebner; 20 years.

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Luff, Etina, to A. S. Underhill, n. a. of 52d st., w. of
4th av.

McKeever, Julis and hueband, to Honrietta Hildburghauser n. s. of 51st st., e. of 8th av.; 5 years

Peck, N. and another, to the Equitable Life Assurance Socioty of United States, n. w. ceraer of
8th av. and 144th st. 1 year.

Philp, J., to A. Goldmark, s. s. of 125th st., w. of
5th av.; 3 months.

Rolly, E. to J. Casper, s. s. corner of 2d sv. and
73d st. instalments.

Schumasher, H. J. and another, to P. Galis and
another, w. s. of 7th av., n. of 19th st.; 3 years.

Sire, B., to M. W. Boriand et al. (trustees, &c.), s.
s. of 42d st., o. of 9th av.; 5 years.

Stevenson, V. K. and wife, to H. S. Poering et al.

(trustees, &c.), n. s. of 55th st., of Madison av.;

3 years.

Troncy, T. P. and wife, to kebecca E. Williams and
another executive, &c.), n.
of 10th st., w. of
4th av (I mortage of the the.

Wright, C. S. of Jones st., near 4th st.; 0 months.

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Bants, a. of Jones st., near 4th st.; 0 months.

Bants, a. of Jones st., near 4th st.; 0 months.

Bants, a. of Jones st., near 4th st.; 0 months.

Bants, A. H., to J. R. Hay of assignments), each
for. 2,000 15,500 2,500

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THE MANHATTAN BANK ROBBERY.

WILLIAM KELLY ON TRIAL FOR COMPLICITY PATRICE SHEVELIN REPEATS HIS STORY OF THE CRIME-CONGRESSIONAL LOBBYING IN THE INTEREST OF THE BURGLARS.

The Court of Oyer and Terminer, Judge Daniels on tinuation of the trial of William Kelly, under indict ment for taking part in the robbery of the Manhattan Savings Institution, at the corner of Broadway and Bleecker street. The prosecution was conducted by Assistant District Attorney Horace Russell, Mr. William A. Beach representing the accused. At the opening of the court Louis Werkle, the janitor of the bank, testified that the health of his wife and mother-in-law was not such as to permit of their being called as witnesses. Special Policeman James A. Houghton testified that a few days before the robbery he saw at the corner of Bleecker street the prisoner Kelly in company with two other men.

By far the most interesting witness in the case

was Patrick Shevelin, the watchman of the bank, who was next introduced. He testified to how he had met George Howard and Kelly; their conversation was, he said, about the robbery of the bank; it was for him (witness) to go on and let them in; Hope was not present at the time of the conversation with Kelly; he was accurrouned to meet them three, four and five times a week at various places on the east side; he consented to let them in; he met Kelly at his place two or three nights before the robbery; there were also present John Hope and "Big Kid;" he did not see Kelly after that and before the robbery, but saw Jim and John Hope, Abe Cokely and some others; he subsequently received an envelope with \$1,639 in it; this was the Friday after the robbery; he next met Kelly in avenue D. Kelly then said he left his bar at two o'clock on the morning of the gobbery; he said he had no trouble at all except with the old woman; they put Louis (the janitor) on the bed and threw a coat over him;

Relly then seem that the local woman; they put Louis (the janitor) on the bed and threw a cost over him; Kelly told him that Jimmy Hope had been in his place after the burglary, and that he had been so changed he would not know him; Kelly agave money frequently to him in sums of \$50 and \$100.

Kelly, witness usid, subsequently got \$600 from him to pay a lawyer to go to Wissington to defeat the bill before Congress to authorize the issue of duplicate bonds to the bank; Kelly said he had engaged Lawyer Brooke, and that each of the parties of the robbery was to contribute \$600 to pay him for his services; after they had failed in Washington witness told Kelly that they might better have kept their money; Kelly replied, "Yes," and that "the son of a b—h had the cheek to sak him for \$1,000 more;" Kelly, in speaking of Policeman Nugent, said he was "during," "that portion of the foregoing testimony relating to Lawyer Brooke Mr. Beach moved to atrike out, but Judge Daniels refused. The witness further testified that there were three keys in his charge, of which he allowed Jimmy Hope to take an impression; on the night before the burglary he left the bank after eleven o'clock; he saw around at that time Jimmy Hope and others of the gang, including Nugent, Abe Cokely and John Hope; after the robbery Kelly told him that the elder Hope told him he had sent Johnny away, and now that he had been savan months in prison; he first admitted his guilt to Captain Byrnes; he went voluntarily to the station house, he having been informed that a policeman was often him the night before; a policeman followed him around for some time before, and he know it was tor the robbery; he had been six years as watchman in the bank, is married and has six children; the profect of the robbery was talked about between him and his sey-chains with Assistant District Attorney Russell before the trial came on; he had been in the House of Refinge, but so long ago that he had almost forgotien it, he let both "Big Kid" and Jimmy Hope and the keys made f

ties bank to look around, and he did so on the following Saturday night; he had a number of other meetings with Kelly, but he could not recollect exactly what the conversation was other than that it had relation to the robbery; on one occasion. Howard and Kelly advised him to give up his work during the day and they would pay him the same salary, but he refused it; when they threatened to expose him to the bank officers it was a short time before the robbery; a short time after the robbery he mat Kelly and complimented him on having done the job nicely; Kelly replied that the only one who made any trouble was the old woman, and after she was quieted all went on smoothly; when three of them were going down stairs they were called back for fear they might not have the correct figures of the combination; he could not recollect the color of the envelope in which the money was left for him at Ryan's; Ryan had no connection with the robbery so far as he knew; when he received the money package he took \$100 and he received the money package he took \$100 and he received the money package he took \$100 and he received the money package he took \$100 and he received the money package he took \$100 and he received the money package he took \$100 and he received the money package he took \$100 and he received the money package he took \$100 and he received the money package he took \$100 and the continued in the employment of the bank until the February following the robbery; he found the secret of the robbery a pretty heavy load to carry, and he finally relieved himself of it; he felt disposed to tell the story months before Captain Byrnes got hold of him.

At this point Shevelin's examination was concluded and the Court was adjourned to this morning.

ROMANCE IN A SILK MILL.

OF HER MARRIAGE-HER MOTIVE A MYSTERY. Agnes and David Nelson were brother and siste and had for some years been engaged in the silk in-dustry as weavers, both being expert at their trade and receiving comfortable salaries. They were Canadians by birth but owing to a long resi-Agnes was a young woman of very prepossessing appearance. Her form was slender and graceful, her hair dark and wavy, her features finely chiselled, and as her manners were winning she had hosts of friends. Among these were naturally a number of young men. One of these-more persistent than the rest-succeeded apparently in gaining her affection, and became the acknowledged suitor for her hand. For six years he always resisted his solicitations to become his wife until a few weeks ago, when she gave her consent to ond a long courtship by entering the state of matrimony. The young man had received an offer of more remunerative employment in a town in Conneticut, and thither he expected to take his bride. In anticipation of the wedding a trousseau of wine colored silk was ordered, and friends were extending their heartiest well wishes to the young couple.

David Nelson was employed in the silk mill of Jones & Co. On Monday morning he went to his work as usual, thinking nothing of the absence of his sister from the breakfast table, especially as he was informed that she had taken breakfast earlier. At noon, however, when she did not roturn to dinner, he became anxious and inquired for her at the silk mill of John Dunion & Co., where she had been employed. She had not been there that day. Inquiries at the residences of her friends served to throw no light on the subject. All that was known was that she had left the boarding house in her working clothes and had not been seen since. When David Nelson, however, returned to his own room later in the day he found a letter in her handwriting. Tremblingly he tore off the envelope and cast his eyes through a short letter, in which his sister informed him that she had gone "to parfs unknown," asking him to forgive her and requesting him not to worry about her fate. She gave orders relative to the disposition of her effects, most of which were to be de livered to a female friend. Her brother was to draw the money due her at the mill. The note contained nothing further. In the young woman's room were found all her clothes and jewelry except those she wore when she left, kince then nothing has been heard of her and all attempts to find her have proved fruitless. It is supposed that after breakfast she left the house, and subsequently returned by the private entrance and left the note in her brother's room without being observed. The note was certainly not there when the chambermaid arranged the beds.

A SETTILED MELANCHOLY.

The only reason that can be givon for her mysterious disappear end a long courtship by entering the state of matri-mony. The young man had received an offer of

had appeared somewhat melancholy. To an inti-nate friend she confided the secret that she was sverse to the proposed union, and had almost made up her mind to leave "and go so far that her lover would never find her." She had gone to consider-able expense in the purchase of silks and ornaments to be used on the wedding day, all of which she left behind.

THE DOCK DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS-WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE INTEREST OF COMMERCE-SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PUTURE.

The annual report of the Commissioners of Docks vas yesterday afternoon filed with the Mayor. The report covers the operations of the department for the year ending April 30, 1879. From this report it appears that the expenses of the department during the year are:-

Total .....\$373,423 68

The report says :- "The construction expenses include the building of the new piers and bulkhead wall, the maintenance and repairs of the old piers and bulkheads, dredging and the subries of the Commissioners and engineer force. The revenues of the department which have accrued entirely during the crease of accrued revenue over that of the preceding year of \$41,269 40. The revenues have exceeded the entire expenditures for every purpose during the year by \$378,523 78. The money actually deposited by this department with the City Chamberlain for the redemption of the city debt during the past year amounts to \$823,394 14. The actual reduction made in the city debt during the past year resulting from this department is \$449,968 46. The revenues of the department will increase rapidly in the future, as the expenditures of each year add largely to the revenues of the next. The water front property of the city will thus develop itself from its own earnings, meeting the demand of commerce for increased facilities, and, in addition, yield a very considerable sum to be applied to the reduction of the city debt, to which all this revenue is pledged. From the fact that our year ends April

reduction of the city debt, to which all this revenue is pledged. From the fact that our year ends April 30, and the quarter day for payment of rent is May 1, the report must always show one quarter's rent uncollected under leases not payable in advance."

THE POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Under the head of "Policy of the Department" the report says:—"The department contemplates the cutire completion of the development of the section between Canal and West Eleventh streets. "The department is developing all that section between Warren and Canal streets as fast as can be done without too great damage to the 1-rge business now being carried on there. In addition to the section, detailed in the last annual report, the department has during the year made agreements entered into with lessees for the improvement of this section, detailed in the last annual report, the department has during the year made agreements to rebuild on the new plan four piers, and has agreed to lease the same for long terms at \$30,000 per year annual rent for cach pier. The balance of the city property situated in this section will soon be under similar agreements to improve, in all probability. The development in this way of this section will add very much to our commercial facilities and will largely increase the city's revenues."

Discussing uptown improvements the Commissioners say:—"From West Eleventh street northwardly for a distance of nearly half a mile the Legislature many years since made the great mistake of permitting the river to be so much filled in as to narrow the channel to a degree which made it necessary, subsequently, to provide that no piers should be built in such section. Thus it has happened that whenever a business interest has contemplated moving up town it has been obliged to consent to move half a mile. It a regular growth continuously by pier after pier could have taken place the growth would have been much lower. Even now, whenever a beginning is made, and a few power to hasten it. Whenever we can induce people to

only we can get laws which can be practically worked under."

A MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENT.

Speaking of the district between West Eleventh street and Twentieth street the report says:—

"In this district, filled in to the point of such an abridgment of our commercial facilities that no piers can now be built there, a much needed improvement should be made. It is now evident to any one familiar with the subject that the water would have been much more valuable to our commerce than the land which was made can possibly become. It is also true that slips could now be excavated there, making a stries of wet basins, for very much less money than is commonly supposed. It this should be done this district would become for many classes of commerce probably one of the most valuable in the city, instead of being, as now, consigned to comparative uselessness forever. Of course it is greatly to be regretted that this filling in was ever permitted, and that the city sold the most of its land thus made; but it could now be acquired better than at any other time, or, if not acquired better than at any other time, or, if not acquired, possibly some plan for its development by some system of cooperation with its owners might be devised."

The NEW PLAN FOR THE WATER FRONT.

The report discusses the new plan for a systematic water front, and after declaring that "it is manifestly absurd to try to carry out the plan in little shreds and patches," it deciares that "one of the two sections in which the city owns any considerable amount of continuous property is aiready sub-

abourd to try to carry out the plan in little shreds and patches," it declares that "one of the two sections in which the city owns any considerable amount of continuous property is aiready substantially finished on the new plan; the other will be completed as soon as due regard to the business established there will permit."

Looking to the future the report says that if these improvements on the river fronts are to continue in the interest of commerce "one alternative is to systematically enter upon the purchase of property which will cost many millions of dollars with the view of sequiring for the city the ownership of all the water front. \* \* If this community is willing to furnish us the money to embark on these large purchases for the purpose of enabling us to make these necessary improvements it is to be hoped that it may be made manifest in some way. But if this community is not willing to do this it is very essential to our commercial prosperity that this fact should be known, and that the only other alternative should be known, and that the only other alternative should be known, and that the only other alternative should be framed which would enlist for its support the commercial community and the owners of water front property, and that thus many obstacles and lifigations might be removed and all push forward together. We urge this whole subject upon the community as the most important one at the present time connected with our future commercial development, and as the one at the very threshold of all future improvements.

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONEDS

At yesterday's meeting of the Dock Commissioner s report was read from Assistant Engineer Kid relative to the proposed repairs to (new) pier 41 North River. He estimates that the cost of partially or entirely rebuilding the pier will be from \$35,000 to \$46,000, according to the dimensions required, and that 85,000 cubic yards of mud must be dredged out, at a cost of about \$19,550, to give a depth of twenty-five feet of water around and under the pier. The report was iaid upon the table. Chief Engineer Greene reported the pier at the foot of Thirty-seventh street, North River, in a dangerous condition. Capt in Bright, of the Union Ferry Company, appeared before the Board relative to the dangerous condition of pier 21 East River, a part of which is used by the Fulton ferry boats. It appears that the Captain of the Port has recommended that it be overhauled or entirely rebuilt. Captain Bright says the pier is so dangerous that he fears the ferry company will be involved in actions for damages. A special report as to its condition was ordered to be made. The Board decided to erect, at an estimated cost of \$5,000, 250 feet of buikhead, extending from the southerly side of East Sixtieth street to the southerly side of East Sixtieth street to the southerly side of East Sixtieth street, A bid of \$3,000 per year rental has been made for the bulkhead in anticipation of its construction. out, at a cost of about \$19,550, to give a depth of

ALDERMEN CHECKMATED. Two peculiar Aldermanic schemes are likely to be

smothered before the life of the present Board comes to an end. At Tuesday's meeting the resolutions giving certain privileges to the Prall Heating Company and extending the time for the construction of the Forty-second Street Railroad were passed by a decisive majority. It is thoroughly understood around the City Hall that Mayor Cooper will veto both these resolutions. The advocates of the schemes in the Board expected that this would be the result of their action, but they also supposed that just time enough remained to pass the resolutions before they went out of existence as a municipal body and after the reception of the vetoes, it now appears that these "enterprising" gentlemen have made a mistake. Under the provisions of the charter, the Mayor can hold over all resolutions for ten, days after he receives such documents. Yesterday the Clerk of the Common Council transmitted the Frail heating and Forty-second Street Railroad resolutions to the Mayor. It is now stated that His Honor will keep the peculiar papers until the 27th inst., and then send them back to the Aldermen with his veto. The law further specifies that vetoes mist lie over for ten days. When this period expires—the 6th of January—the present Board of Aldermen will have become a thing of the past. The term of the City Fathers ends at twelve o'clock on the first Monday of January in each year. That auspicious day, unfortunately for the "energetic" triends of these two valuable speculations, comes next year on the 5th of January, just twenty-four hours too soon tor all practical purposes in the direction of "heating" and railroad resolutions. both these resolutions. The advocates of the

OUR COMPLAINT BOOK.

ASE SOME ODY IN JERSEY CITY. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:-Aren't the Pavonia ferryboats big enough to start on time instead of nearly always being five minutes alow?

AkL. NGTON.

PERHAPS THE POLICE CAN TELL. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD :-

Disreputable people must congregate somewhere, and it is the misfortune of respectable people living near the head of West Fourth street that a favorite resort of bad characters is on the same block. But why should these people be allowed to keep up a horrible din at late hours of the night and keep honest folks awake?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HEBALD:-

Will you please call the attention of the proper auwill you please call the attention of the proper au-thorities to a great nuisance and danger which exists on Fifth avenue, above Fifty-ninth atrest, fronting the Park, in the shape of bioyeles? A few evenings ago I passed there with a lady and one of these ve-hicles came from behind us at a good rate of speed hicles came from behind us at a good rate of speed quite close to the young lady, who was so frightened that site almost fainted. Speaking about this to a friend of mine next morning, he told me that one of these young men ran into his wife, about a week ago, on a part of the avenue where it was pretty dark. She received quite a severe fall from the collision. My friend caught hold of the young man, who professed to have breken his few from the fall, but as soon as he was letalone, jumped on his bicycle and left as quick as he could go. Is there nobody to look after the safety of people who happen to walk up or down our finest avenue in the evening?

A NEW YORKER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:-About two weeks ago I came down town on the Sixth Avenue Elevated Ballroad and got out at the Park Place station. I went to the rear platform of the front car, and there being no conductor on it was obliged to open the gate myself, as was also a was obliged to open the gate myself, as was also a man who got of from the front platform of the next car. I watched till the train started again and no conductor appeared, so that the gates remained open, for how long of course I cannot tell. I should not have noticed the incident but that on my being on the same road a day or two ago in the second car I saw the conductor on the rear platform of that car come forward and enter into conversation with the one on the rear platform of that car come forward and enter into the front car, and on reaching Chambers street station he had not returned to his post, so that I saw other men opening the gates, as I had done. The conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates just before the train started. I cannot conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates just before the train started. I cannot conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates just before the train started. I cannot conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates just before the train started. I cannot conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates just before the train started. I cannot conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates just before the train started. I cannot conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates just before the train started. I cannot conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates just before the train started. I cannot conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates just before the train started. I cannot conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates just before the train started. I cannot conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates just before the train started. I cannot conductor rushed back this time and closed the gates form the foundation and the foundation and the gates and the gates and a months, son of Cullen.

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she charges, the triple accusations of infidelity, stealing his money and planning to poison or shoot him. She stated turther that of his ill treatment of her he had collected rents of property belonging to her and appropriated the

property belonging to her and appropriated the same to his own use. She explained the tenderness pervading her letters to her husband after leaving him in August, 1878, as dictated by a feeling of Christian duty toward him.

Mrs. Anna Smith and Mrs. Louisa Ruckman, the latter being connected by marriage with detendant, testified to having been present at some of the "outbursts" in question and to the fact of Mr. Ruckman having, as they termed it, "basely vilified" his wife. The latter testified that Mr. Ruckman told his wife that she had made him a bankrupt in everything but money; that she had had her heaven and now she would have her hell.

A POSITIVE WINNESS.

The feature of the day was the examination of Mrs. Lida Morehead, a young married lady and niece of the plaintiff. After resting what she characterized as cruel treatment of Mrs. Ruckman by Mr. Ruckmans she was asked why she spoke so harshly of Mr. Ruckman.

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"I think he is a very bad man," she answered

promptly.
"Do you think he would steal?" asked the de-

fendant's lawer.

"If necessary."

"De you think he would commit murder?"

"Perhaps so."

"Do you mean what you say?"

"Most decidedly."

"How long have you known Mr. Buckman?"

"Ever since I knew anything."

"How long is that?"

"I have no objection to telling my age, but shan't."

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MR. RUGRMAN'S WILL.

This witness, in the course of her further testimony, stated that she met Mr. Ruckman one day at his lawyer's office, in Nassau street, and that he there asked his lawyer for his will, which the latter produced, and, at Mr. Ruckman's request, read to her. In this will Mr. Ruckman, she said, gave most of

In this will Mr. Ruckman, she said, gave most of his property to his wife. "What became of this will?" she was asked. "Mr. Ruckman put it into his satchel. He asked me if I was not surprised at his bequest to his wife, and I told him I was not surprised at anything of him."

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The examination of Mrs. Lowis Roberts, with whom the pisnitiff is now boarding, closed the testimony on behalf of the pisnitiff. She repeated the stories of Mr. Ruckman's outbursts, as related by previous witnesses, and finally, after describing his fine country piace at Tappan, she was particularly interrogated as to his herses and carriages.

"How many horses and carriages," she was asked, "had Mr. Ruckman?"

"He had eight double teams and a proportionate number of carriages."

"Did you ever ride after 'little blacks,' the ponies he gave to his wife?"

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"Did you ever ride after 'sorrel and gray?"
"I drove them myself long before Mr. Ruckman ever saw them. They were good in their day, but would only do for the country."
In the course of her testimony Mrs. Roberts stated that Mr. Ruckman declared that his wite owned in her own right \$100,000 worth of property, and that he told her his own income was \$70 per day.

DISCHARGED AND DISHEARTENED.

John Morton, the Tombs prison keeper, who in the early part of last week was removed from office by Warden Finn and subsequently discharged by carrying messages between the alleged Manhattan Bank burglars, was arraigned in the Tombs Court Bank burglars, was arraigned in the Tombs Court yesterday for disorderly conduct. He took his dismissait to heart and indulged in drink since the day of his removal. A tew days ago he was before Justice Duffy, in Essex Market Court, but was discharged on his promise to go home and drink no more. He said at that time that he was in great trouble and not responsible for his actions. This arraignment did not, however, deter him from continuing his spree. While intoxicated he went late on Tuesday night to the apartments occupied by the watden and his family, in the Tombs building. He kicked at the door and cried out that he wanted to be let in. The warden then caused his arrest, but satisfied with having had him locked up over night,

told Justice Morgan yesterday that he did not want to press the charge against him. The prisoner was

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG-TIMETS.—On Wednesday evening: December 17, at the residence of the bride's parents, in New York, by the Rev. J. W. Kramer, Jonas W. Armstrong, of Rome, N. Y., to Nansite S. Timetis.

Dixon-Gale.—Thursday, November 20, at No. 124 faxington av., b: the Rev. Henry W. Bellows, D. D., Geonge S. Dixos to Adella G. ile, youngest daughter of the late Nathaniel Gale and Sally S. Denton. No

of the late research of the Covenant, by the Rev. Marvin R. Vincent, D. D., Geonge C. Lay, Jr., and Saras Ewma, daughter of Alanson F. Briggs.

Anderson.—At St. Paul's rectory, Glen Cove, L. I., on December 16, Marie Louise Anderson, daughter of the late Captain Wildam J. Anderson and Mrs. Sarah J. Anderson.

Burial services from St. Paul's Church, on Friday, at arrival of the train leaving Hunter's Point at ter A. M.

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BENNETT. —On Mondsy, 15th inst., Edwin H. Bennett, in the 22d year of his age.

Funeral from the residence of Edward Roberts, corner 85 h s., and avenue A, this afternoon, at one o'clock. Please de not sent flowers.

CLANCY.—On Wednesday, December 17, Mary A, daughter of William and Catharine Clancy, in her 23d year.

Funeral will take place from St. Joseph's Church on Friday, December 19, at nine o'clock A. M. Friends are invited to attend.

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COLOUTHY.—In this city, on Wednesday, December 17, Sarah Virginia, wife of the late John H. Colquitt and daughter of the late Philip Woodhouse.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

COLWELL—On Theeday, December 16, of croup, Gerraude Eriski, aged 5 years, youngest daughter of Joseph and Jone W. Colwell.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 412 West 20th st., on Friday, December 19, at eleven o'clock A. M. Flannelly.—Margaret Flannelly, of Cullon, Sigo.

Funeral from her brother-in-law's, 109 Mott st.,

Gays.

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1:05 train from New York.
KRACKEN.—On Wednesday, December 17, DORKTTA
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KRACKEN, in the 77th year of her age.
Friends of deceased are respectfully invited to
attend the funeral, from her late residence, 54 East
133d st., on Friday, at ten o'clock A. M.
LAIIN.—In Greenpoint, December 16, CATHERINA
LAIIN, aged 68.
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Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the runeral services on Thursday, the 18th, at half-past one P. M., at the residence of the deceased, 21s Guernsoy st., Greenpoint. MAUJER.—In Brocklyn, December 17, ELIZA SLOV, widow of Charles Maujer, in the 80th year of her

age.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 524 Grand st., Brooklyn, E. D., on Saturday, 20th inst., at two P. M. No flowers.

Milhank.—On Wednesday, December 17, CHARLES MILBANK.—On Wednesday, December 17, CHARLES E. MILBANK, in the 46th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his sister, No. 129 Lexington av., on Friday, the 19th inst., at half-past one P. M. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

MURPHY.—On Wednesday, 17th, TIMOTHY F. MURPHY, in the 25d year of his age.
Funeral will take place on Friday, 19th inst., from the residence of his brother-in-law, John Curtin, 1,676 av. A, and SSth st.

O'HARO.—BARNARD O'HARO, on Wednesday, 17th, a native of Cluncok, county Longford, Ireland.
Funeral on Friday, 19th, from 466 West 26th st.
Peikins.—At Tremont, December 17, Charles Robert Perkins, infant son of Horace and Hannah E. Perkins.

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Funeral Thursday, two P. M.
PROUDFIT.—On Monday, the 15th inst., John Mo-Lean Proudfur, United States Navy, in the 25th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his father, at New Brighton, S. I., on Thursday, the 18th inst., at a quarter to four P. M. Carriages will be in waiting on the arrival of the three o'clock boat from New York.

REYNOLDS.—At her residence, 342 4th st., Mrs. KATR REYNOLDS, beloved wife of Martin Reynolds and daugnter of Patrick and Ellen Madden, aged 22 years and 10 months.

Funeral will take place this (Thursday) morning, at ten o'clock, from the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn, E. D., where a solemn high mass of requiem will be offered for the repose of her soul; thence to Calvary Cemetery for interment.

Sale.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, December 16, E. R. Sale. aged 59 yeers.

Funeral services at his late residence, No. 64 Patchen av., on Thursday, 18th inst., at two o'clock P. M. Friends respectfull invited.

Sands.—At Bayonne, N. J., Joseph Sands, son of the late Ferdinand Sands, in the 50th years of his age.

Funeral from St. Alban's Church, 47th st., near

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Funeral from St. Alban's Church, 47th st., near Lexington av., on Friday, 19th inst., at nine A. M. Sinnort.—At Tarrytown, Many, daughter of Hamha and George Sunnott, aged 2 years and 9 months. Funeral at one o'clock to-day.

Snow.—At West Morrisania, on Tuesday, December 16, Marinda Snow.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

Solomon.—On Wednesday, December 17, Blancis A., youngest daughter of Joseph and Sarah Solomon, aged 19 year, Smouths, 9 days.

Funeral from her late residence, 415 East 123d st., Harlem, at hail-past ten A. M., Thursday, 18th.

Stroom.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, 16th inst., Marian Strions, aged 42 years.

Funeral on Friday, December 19, at two o'clock, from the residence of her brother, Charles E. Strong, T30 Madison st., near Reid av.

Tarn.—At the residence of her son-in-law, Prancis L. Dalion, 91 Quincy st., Brooklyn, Louisa S. Tarn, widow of Frederick Tarr, late of the city of New York, in the 17th year of her age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

Thompson.—Suddenly, at his residence in Astoria, L. I., Joan Thompson, native of Sootland, in the 42d year of his age.

The funeral will take place from the Dutch Re-

L. I., JOHN THOMPSON, BALIVE OF SCHEMAL.

year of his age.

The funeral will take place from the Dutch Reformed Church, Astoria, on Friday, 19th inst., at one o'clock P. M. Relatives and friends of the family and Copestone Lodge, F. and A. M.; also Advance Lodge, of Astoria, No. 335 are respectfully invited to attend.

WHITE.—Suddenly, EMMELINE L. WHITE, aged 45 years.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 9 Poplar 21., Brooklyn, Friday, 19th inst., at one o'clock P. M.